

## House Resolution No. 1606

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably contributed to the betterment of local communities and neighborhoods through their diligent service as spiritual leaders; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Bois D’Arc moved to their chosen hometown in 1985 at a time when Bois D’Arc Baptist Church was very small and in need of a pastor; and

**Whereas**, on March 31, 2004, the Reverend Robert Johnson concluded his nineteen-year-long service as pastor of Bois D’Arc Baptist Church in order to shift the focus of his time and energy to other endeavors in life suitable for his newfound status as a retiree; and

**Whereas**, Bois D’Arc Baptist Church prospered and grew under the guidance of Pastor Robert Johnson and his trusted wife, who is known as Mrs. “J” by all members of the congregation; and

**Whereas**, among the many achievements realized by Bois D’Arc Baptist Church during the past two decades are the installation of new colored windows, refinishing of the church pews to their original state of varnished oak, insulation of the structure, placement of ceiling fans, construction of a nursery, laying of new carpet, and weatherproofing the structure with a new roof and storm windows; and

**Whereas**, a few years ago Bois D’Arc Baptist Church purchased a building at the airport; had it moved to the church’s location; refurbished it with two glass doors in the front, concrete porches and sidewalks, and flowerbeds; and then used it for a kitchen, fellowship hall, and classrooms; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Robert Johnson and Mrs. “J” are universally praised for the encouragement, support, love, and time which they have so freely bestowed upon their flock of faithful churchgoers:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive career engaged in by the Reverend Robert Johnson as pastor of Bois D’Arc Baptist Church and to convey to him and his wonderful wife, Mrs. “J”, this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they partake of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Bois D’Arc, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1606, adopted April 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker